IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Israel Rubinstein et al. Confirmation No: 8917

Application No: 09/922,220 Group: 1797

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For: Method and apparatus for

detecting and quantifying a chemical substance employing

an optical transmission

property of metallic islands on

a transparent substrate

Customer No.: 29127

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In the above-captioned patent application and in response to the pending final Office Action, mailed January 7, 2009 (Paper No. 20081223), a Request for Continued Examination is hereby made. Accordingly, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration are requested in view of the following remarks.

-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in the Listing of Claims section; and

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in the Remarks section.

A three-month extension is requested for this response.